

lumped under *Aloeides thyra* L. (Riley 1938: 233-244), and thus pioneered the elucidation of the group.

Holotype ♂. LESOTHO: Butha Buthe, 13.i.1940 (K. M. Pennington), in University Museum, Oxford.

Paratype. Data as holotype, 1 ♂, in University Museum, Oxford.

Aloeides taylori sp. n.

Plt. V, figs. 7, 8

Length of forewing: ♂ 12.5 mm.

The male is similar in appearance to that sex of *A. rileyi*. It differs on the upperside of the forewing in that: the apical patch is definitely triangular, its lower edge extending to vein 5; the distal band is wider, being 2 mm. at vein 2, its inner edge being noticeably concave between the veins; there is a definite indication of a discoidal black spot. The hindwing differs from *A. rileyi*: by the larger apical patch, which is obtusely angled inwardly, and extends to vein 5; the distal lunules are somewhat narrower. On both wings, the fringes are pale grey-fuscous, heavily chequered with black at the vein-ends.

On the underside, the forewing is like that of the previous species, differing by: the presence of a distinct black spot at the base of space 1, near and below the median cell-spot; this median cell-spot is placed much nearer to the basal cell-spot than it is to the discoidal spot; the interspaces of the fringes are much whiter, but are heavily chequered with the ground colour at the vein ends; the discoidal spot has a single white pupil, taking the form of an elongated oval. On the hindwing, the median spot in space 7 is moved outwards, and almost touches the distal spot. The fringes are chequered as those of the forewing, but the interspaces are greyish and far less clearly defined.

The species is named after Mr. E. Taylor of the Hope Department, University Museum, Oxford in recognition of many years of friendly co-operation with both authors.

Holotype ♂. ORANGE FREE STATE: Golden Gates, 3.x.1954 (K. M. Pennington), in University Museum, Oxford.

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HETEROGRAPHIS OBLITELLA (ZELLER) (LEP.: PYRALIDAE: PHYCITINAE) IN ESSEX. — I collected a female of this species at light in my garden on 15.v.1976. — Dr. G. S. ROBINSON, 21 Lakeside, Rainham, Essex.